To the Chairman & Members of the Neath Rural District Council
Gentlemen.

The following is my Report for the year 1921

1. General Statistics.

Area (acres) 74,538
Population (1921) 2351 (excluding 178 temporary residents)
Number of inhabited houses 690
Rateable Value £31,120
Sum represented by a penny rate £92

2. Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year.

		Total	Male	Female	
Births	Legitimate	45	25	20	
	Illegitimate	4	1	3	Birth Rate 20.84
Deaths 23		Death Rate 9.78			

Number of women dying in or in consequence of childbirth. None
Deaths of infants under one year of age per 1000 births
Legitimate 22.2 Illegitimate 250. Total 40.82
Deaths from Measles None
" " Whooping Cough None.
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) None

3. Notifiable Diseases during the Year

Diphtheria	6
Scarlet fever	5
Erysipelas	6
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1 Male
~~None~~ None Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1 Female
Total 19	

4. Causes of Sickness. The diphtheria epidemic of 1920 continued into the early months of 1921 and gradually subsided. A few cases of Scarlet fever of a mild type occurred at Summerside

5 Nursing Arrangements. There is a District Nurse at Neath supported by voluntary contributions. There are no midwives practising in the District
No clinics or treatment Centres

No hospital

No institutional provision for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and homeless children, except the Workhouse

No ambulance facilities

6 Laboratory Work. Antitoxin was made use of in many of the diphtheria cases at the expense of the Council Many of the contacts were treated with antitoxin. Diagnoses in many of the cases was confirmed by bacteriological examination of swabs

7. Sanitary Administration. There are only a few water-closets, most of the houses are provided with outdoor privies. There are three small licensed slaughter houses. After the termination of a case of infectious disease, the house is disinfected by the Sanitary Inspector. After the outbreaks of diphtheria and Scarlet fever at Summerside the schools were disinfected before reopening

8. Public Health Staff. Medical officer of Health and Sanitary Inspector: both part time officers

9. Housing One house has been erected. One unfit house was inspected, and has been repaired. No legal proceedings have been taken respecting housing defects.

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Gentlemen

Your obedient Servant

C. J. Connor

22 April 1922